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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for isolating nucleic acids from a sample containing nucleic acids comprising:

dissolving the sample in a buffer comprising at least one surfactant and at least one salt of a monovalent cation;

heating the obtained solution at 80 to 100°C;

subjecting the heated solution to gel filtration; and

collecting a solution of a fraction containing nucleic acids,

wherein the salt concentration is 0.5 to 2 M.

- 2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said surfactant is Triton X-100®.
  - 3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said salt is NaCl.
- 4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said sample comprises eucaryotic cells.
  - 5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said sample is blood.
  - 6-8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein heating is performed at 90 to 100°C.
- 10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein heating is performed at 95 to 100°C.